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A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference(s) are as follows:

1. JP7154385 describes a ciphered television signal is received by a digital broadcasting reception circuit 7 and recorded in a recording medium 13 by a recording part 12 inside a recording equipment as it is. This regenerative output of a reproducing part 14 is transmitted to a decoder box and the decoder box receiving the regenerative output decodes a picture, which can be exactly viewed but copy inhibit information is added, through a deciphering circuit 17, cancel key input 18 and output circuit 5. The pay broadcasting signal recorded in the ciphered state can be restored into the

- picture only by the dedicated decoder box corresponding to this pay broadcasting. Therefore, even when copy is performed based on this invention, the other equipment can not restore the normal picture.
- 2. JP8251571 describes A transmission device 31 multiplexes a charge calculating function and a correction signal for obtaining a charge value on the basis of the time difference between storage time and reproduction time with an image compressed signal that is compressed and encoded by a signal mixing circuit 34, and then sends them. A terminal device 30 stores the received multiplexed image compressed signal in a storage means 15 and also stores the storage time in a storage time register 15a. Then a storage and reproduction control circuit 14 controls reproduction and a function separating circuit 5 separates the reproduced storage signal into the charge calculating function and image compressed signal. The image compressed signal is decoded by a decoding circuit 6 and an image signal is outputted. At this time, a charge calculating circuit 17 calculates the charge value on the basis of the charge calculating function and the time difference obtained by a subtracter 11. Consequently, the signal can be charged on the basis of the time difference.

English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

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